

**INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 6, 2015 – 7:30 P.M.
WOODSTOCK TOWN HALL – LOWER LEVEL, ROOM B**

MINUTES

Present: Chair Mark Parker, Diane Wolff, Marla Butts, Carl Knittel, Tina Lajoie (IWWA Clerk)

Absent: Patty Lacasse, Wayne (Woody) Durst

- I. Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order by Chair Mark Parker at 7:54 p.m.
- II. Roll Call** – Diane Wolff, Mark Parker, Marla Butts, Carl Knittel
- III. Appointment of Alternates** – None
- IV. Action on Minutes of Previous Meeting – June 1, 2015**
MOTION BY D. WOLFF TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRINTED, SECONDED BY C. KNITTEL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- V. Old Business**
 - 1. 06-15-05 Town of Woodstock/Highway, Bungay Hill Road – Drainage repair**
Syl Pauley, NECCOG Professional Engineer is currently away on vacation, and will have the drainage calculations for the next meeting for which he requested to be on Monday, August 10, when he returns from his trip. He felt it was important to be present to explain how he evaluated the contributing drainage. IWWA has agreed to cancel the August 3rd meeting and schedule a Special Meeting for the 10th to accommodate Mr. Pauley's request.
 - 2. Hank Grinde, 440 Rte 198 – Request for approval of Timber Harvest**
Harvester, Richard Bowen, is present to explain the application that was tabled at the June meeting. At the request of the Agency, T. Lajoie sent out a letter for additional information. Mr. Bowen did submit the required documentation for IWWA to review (USGS topographic map identifying property to be harvested, showing skid trails and access way). There are no wetlands crossings proposed. The access is through the neighbor's property (Wrobel) which keeps him away from any wetlands soils. It is an existing roadway that was used 25 years ago to cut the same property. Skid roads and feeder lines were added onto the map. Trees were marked at eye level.
MOTION BY D. WOLFF TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR TIMBER HARVEST AS A PERMITTED USE AS OF RIGHT, SECONDED BY M. BUTTS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
 - 3. By-law review and approval**
All revisions were reviewed from the minutes of March, 2015. Item #3 under "Location and Records" was amended and approved. No additional amendments requested. **MOTION TO APPROVE BY-LAWS AS REVISED (JULY 6, 2015) BY M. BUTTS, SECONDED BY C. KNITTEL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- VI. New Business**
- VII. Wetlands Agent Activity Report**

T. Bellman gave the following report:

 - Ground mounted solar, 424 Rte 198 (Hansen) – disturbance in upland review, no activity in wetlands. Sign-off was granted.
 - 10' x 14' shed on cement pad, 18 Shore Dr. (Gerew) – disturbance in upland review. Sign-off granted.

There is a short discussion on the requirement for the applicant to issue a legal results ad with all sign-offs and there would then be a 15-day appeal period. If no legal notice is published, it's never final. The wetlands office will be sure to instruct the applicant of this statutory duty. T. Bellman requests a clarification on the determination of an "as of right" use and when he can make this determination. Per Darcy Winther, this determination must be granted by the Agency. However, the Wetlands Agent is allowed to make the decision of there being no regulated activity and therefore no permit is required, as stated in the IWWA by-laws. There is a discussion/debate on case law, language of statutes relating to agricultural use roadways and exemptions. T. Bellman also reports on his site visit to English Neighborhood Road with John Navarro, Highway Foreman, to discuss upcoming road project. He states 90% of the work to be done is replacement of drainage with a couple of areas

affecting wetlands. J. Navarro is anticipating S. Pauley's assistance with design and it will come before the Agency. J. Navarro will be starting this replacement of drainage pipe only in the areas out of wetlands and upland review area.

VIII. Citizen's comments / other topics

- Information provided on "The 5th Annual Water is Life Walk" scheduled for July 16th through July 31st. Contact Carole Blodgett for further information 860-315-7034
- CT Land Conservation Council 2015 upcoming workshops.
- Comprehensive Training Program for Wetlands Commissioners is now 100% online to get the certificate. One free voucher was received. Carl Knittel has agreed to take advantage of the free program.

IX. Adjournment at 8:25 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY D. WOLFF, SECONDED BY M. BUTTS AT 8:25 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina M. Lajoie, IWWA Clerk

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